Survey of Ratnagiri district for Mineral Wealth

1165. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a detailed survey of Ratnagiri District to assess its mineral wealth;

(b) the names of the minerals which have been found, there as a result of the survey; and

(c) what is the quantum of bauxite deposits found in that District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) As a result of the surveys carried out by GSI, the following reserves of mineral deposits have so far been estimated in the Ratnagiri District:—

Minerals	Reserves (In million
Bauxite	5·28 (Metallurgical and unclassified grades)
Chromite	0·11 (all grades)
China Clay	2·03
Ilmenite Sand	4.12
Iron ore (Magnetite)	63.18 (with 56-66% iron)
Talc/Steatite/ Soapstone	9·95
Silica	58.09

Besides, limestone, felspar, asbestos and ochre also occur in the District.

Encroachments on the pavements of New Delhi

1166. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the pavements of Panchkuin Road, Arya Samaj Road and adjoining roads of New Delhi are being used as shops, showrooms and workshops causing inconvenience to the pedestrians who are compelled to use the main roads risking their lives;

(b) whether it is a fact that the encroachers pay hush money to the police every month in order to avoid prosecution; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint Sub-Divisional Magistrates to oversee and ensure that such encroachments do not take place on the pavements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration. The Traffic Police made 671 prosecutions and the local Police have filed 118 challans for encroachments in this area, during the current year (upto the 15th July, 1984).

Repairs and Maintenance of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station

1167. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time schedule for the annual repairs and maintenance of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station;

(b) whether the time schedule has been maintained during the last three years; and